

REMARKS

Applicants file this amendment contemporaneously with the application to which it pertains, that application representing a conversion of international application PCT/US2005/001381 into a U.S. national stage application and deriving priority from U.S. Provisional Application 60/537,243.

The PCT application underwent a preliminary examination in the European Patent Office, and that examination produced one Written Opinion and one Written Reply and culminated in an International Preliminary Examination Report dated 11 September 2006. All of those documents are submitted herewith.

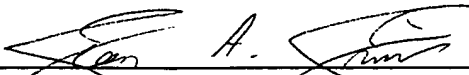
The claims 1-8 presented under the heading "Listing of Claims" form part of the International Preliminary Examination Report and indeed are the claims addressed in that report.

In the International Preliminary Examination Report prepared at the European Patent Office, the searcher concluded that claims 1-8 set forth subject matter that possessed both novelty and an inventive step, and thus in the searcher's mind, fulfilled the requirements of 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and allowance of the application with 19 claims – namely, claims 19-36 – are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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